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KC MAN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METH, MARIJUANA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute marijuana and methamphetamine.

Noel Solis-Martinez, 25, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Solis-Martinez** conspired to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana between March 1, 2004, and Sept. 13, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Solis-Martinez** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Sept. 13, 2004.

The indictment alleges that the specific amount of marijuana involved in Count One and Count Two was at least 2.5 kilograms but less than five kilograms and that the specific amount of methamphetamine was between 50 and 150 grams.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count which would require **Solis-Martinez** to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the narcotics violations including approximately \$55,000 seized on Sept. 13, 2004, during the execution of a search warrant at 425 S. White in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney P.J. O'Connor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury,

whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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